reply will be allowed ten minutes each and the other members five minutes each. Standing Order No. 59 requires notice of every motion to be given to the Secretay two clear days before the day on which the Demand comes up for consideration. Late motions will not be accepted. It will facilitate business if Honourable Members giving notice of token motions will also specify the purpose underlying the proposed cut.

In calculating the number of hours to be allotted for the voting of Demands, I propose to lay down the following procedure. A day will be taken as from 11 A. M. to 5 P. M. One hour being available for question time, and another hour (1 to 2 P. M.) as lunch interval, the remaining four hours will be treated as one full day and two hours as a half day. If the whole of the first hour is not taken up for questions and answers, the time left over will be available for the voting of Demands for Grants. Such available time will not go to increase the time allotted for any particular Demand, but will be available to the House and thus enable them to reach more Demands.

ADJOURNMENT MOTION.

PRESIDENT : I have received a motion for the adjournment of the House. The motion reads thus:—"I beg leave to move that the business of the House be adjourned for discussing the action of the Government in introducing from the 1st Chingom 1110 many new toll gates on public roads in the State without paying due consideration to the prevailing economic depression."

I have considered that gentleman's motion very carefully, and it was possible to rule it out of order, under sub-clause 4 of rule 21 of the rules, which says that the motion must not anticipate a matter which has been previously appointed for consideration or with reference to which a notice of motion has been previously given, on the ground that this question first deserves to be discussed in the course of the Demand under the Public Works; but still, in view of the fact that there may not be perhaps a certainty when the motion may come into a definite form in which it is sought to be discussed before the House on the allotted day I am prepared to allow the motion.

Has the House any objection?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I object to it.

PRESIDENT : Are there any members in favour?

The motion fell through for want of support.

PRESIDENT : The House will now proceed to the general discussion of the Budget.

GENERAL DISCUSSION OF THE BUDGET.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Sir, it is a matter for congratulation that Sir. C. P. Ramaswamy Aiyar has settled that thorny question of purchase of the Shencotta—Quilon Railway. Now we are not concerned to purchase the line. Purchase the line we must; but

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